

(b) to (d) As per information made available by the Government of Punjab the State Government has not acquired any agricultural land specifically for the purpose of development of SEZs by private developers.

### Export of Agricultural Products

†1513. SHRI BANWARI LAL KANCHHAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the year-wise prices of agricultural products exported during the last three years; and

(b) whether any incentives are being extended to farmers to enhance the export of their products?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) The unit prices of some major agricultural products exported during last three years was:

#### Unit Price in Rs./Unit

Commodity	Unit	Apr-Mar 2004	Apr-Mar 2005	Apr-Mar 2006
Tea	KG	92.1	100.34	103.35
Coffee	Kg	57.62	63.81	88.65
Pulses	Ton	21,354.89	22,220.76	24,799.84
Rice-Basmati	Ton	25,833.69	24,281.24	26,090.95
Rice (Other Than Basmati)	Ton	8,236.61	10,912.60	10,611.01
Wheat	Ton	5,841.93	7,265.17	7,472.46
Other Cereals	Ton	6,579.37	6,738.59	7,845.93
Spices	KG	57.73	51.66	55.05
Sugar	Ton	10,133.18	13,757.57	17,582.33
Chashew	Ton	170,534.88	209,735.03	206,505.08
Seasame Seeds	Kg	37.48	42.13	37.48
Groundnut	Ton	30,906.55	30,879.14	27,039.27
Oil Meals	Ton	10,303.14	8,818.38	6,924.54
Niger Seeds	Kg	25.38	24.77	21.22
Fruits/Vegetable	Kg	103.43	97.91	89.55
Cotton Raw Incl.		52,466.82	48,776.86	46,852.75
Waste				

Source DGCI&S

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(b) The Government has initiated various measures to promote export of agricultural products. These, *inter alia*, include setting up of agri. export zones to provide enhanced international market access and improved infrastructural facilities, better flow of credit, assistance for reducing the marketing costs such as for transport, handling and processing on export of selected agricultural commodities as also removal of export restrictions like requirement for registration, packaging, etc. Besides various agriculture development schemes providing assistance to farmers on agricultural inputs such as seeds, fertilizers, irrigation, insecticides, pesticides as also for research and development and extension for reducing production costs and for improving efficiency of agricultural production are also being implemented. The schemes are generally not product specific. Vishesh Krishi Upaj Yojana has been introduced from 1.4.04 for promoting the exports of fruits, vegetables, flowers, minor forest produce and their value added products. Exporters of such products, which may include farmers, are entitled to duty credit scrip equivalent to 5% of the FOB value of exports for each licensing year.

#### **Review of Trade Relations Between India and EEC**

†1514. SHRI BANWARI LAL KANCHHAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether any review of the economic and trade relations between India and European Economic Community has been made; and

(b) If so, what measures have been suggested for development in trade relations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) and (b) India-European Union (EU) economic and trade relationship is reviewed every year by the India-European Commission (EC) Joint Commission.

The 16th Session of the India-EC Joint Commission was held in Brussels on 18 September 2006. The measures suggested for development of trade relations are:

- (i) Holding meeting of the Joint Working Group (JWG) on Food Processing Industry, JWG on Agriculture and marine products,

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